

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend paragraph [0106] as follows.

[0106] As ~~discuss~~ discussed above, resource sharing is effectuated, at least in part, through firmware stored on each blade or platform. The firmware, which may typically comprise instructions and data for implementing the various operations described herein, will generally be stored on a non-volatile memory device, such as but not limited to a flash device, a ROM, or an EEPROM. The instructions are machine readable, either directly by a real machine (*i.e.*, machine code) or via interpretation by a virtual machine (*e.g.*, interpreted byte-code). Thus, embodiments of the invention may be used as or to support firmware executed upon some form of processing core (such as the CPU of a computer) or otherwise implemented or realized upon or within a machine-readable medium. A machine-readable medium includes any mechanism for storing or transmitting information in a form readable by a machine (*e.g.*, a processor). For example, a machine-readable medium can include media such as a read only memory (ROM); a random access memory (RAM); a magnetic disk storage media; an optical storage media; and a flash memory device, *etc.* ~~In addition, a machine-readable medium can include propagated signals such as electrical, optical, acoustical or other form of propagated signals (*e.g.*, carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, *etc.*).~~